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SUBJECT: GATT G-18 DISPUTE SETTLEMENT

REF: GENEVA 7170

1. WE ASKED PATTERSON OF SECRETARIAT ABOUT ORIGIN OF POSSIBLE DISPUTE SETTLEMENT DISCUSSION ITEM FOR G-18 MENTIONED IN REFTEL. PATTERSON SAID SECRETARIAT WAS INTERESTED IN HAVING G-18 DISCUSSION THIS ISSUE (I.E., THEY ARE THE ORIGIN). THEY AWARE THAT DISPUTE SETTLEMENT IS GATT ISSUE OF MAJOR INTEREST TO U.S. (AS EVIDENCED BY RECENT WOLFF/GREENWALD (STR) GENEVA DISCUSSIONS), HAS OCCUPIED MANY RECENT SESSIONS OF THE GATT COUNCIL, AND IS A SUBJECT WHICH HAS ARISEN IN MANY MTN SUB-GROUPS. LATTER INCLUDE SECTORS, SAFEGUARDS, STANDARDS, GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT AND PROSPECTIVE FRAMEWORK GROUP.

2. SECRETARIAT BELIEVES THAT SUBJECT ULTIMATELY WILL BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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APPROPRIATE FOR MTN FRAMEWORK GROUP BUT IN THE INTERIM

FEELS G-18 DISCUSSION SHOULD BE CARRIED FORWARD. MATHUR
WILL BE PREPARED TO ASK DURING SEPTEMBER 27 MEETING OF
LOCAL G-18 REPS WHETHER DISPUTE SETTLEMENT SHOULD BE
TAKEN UP. THIS IS CLEAR INVITATION TO U.S. TO SAY YES.
PATTERSON ADDED THAT SECRETARIAT HAS DONE BACKUP PAPER ON THE
SUBJECTS WHICH IT COULD MAKE AVAILABLE IF THE GROUP DESIRED.

3. AS WASHINGTON AWARE, THE QUESTION OF WHETHER TO CON-
TINUE THE G-18 AT ALL IS NOW UPON US. IT SEEM EVIDENT
TO US THAT SECRETARIAT IS USING THE DISPUTE SETTLEMENT
QUESTION, AN ISSUE THEY KNOW TO BE CLOSE TO OUR HEARTS IN
U.S., AS ONE VEHICLE FOR CONTINUING G-18.

4. WHILE ITEM MIGHT SEEM APPEALING, WE SEE NO REASON
EXPECT MORE ENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTION FOR THIS USSUE, PAR-
TICULARLY FROM EN AND JAPAN, THAN FOR PREVIOUS "GATT REFORM"
QUESTIONS DISCUSSED IN G-18.

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